

House Resolution No. 1942

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge significant milestones in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have brought honor and glory to themselves and to their communities through the excellence of their daily endeavors; and

Whereas, William Boyd "Bill" Steiger has been fulfilling his childhood dream of being a radio broadcaster for nearly forty years since he first landed a job at KWOC radio in Poplar Bluff in January 1964; and

Whereas, Bill Steiger brought to his work at KWOC a wealth of experience and knowledge which he had garnered as a youth who built a broadcast studio in his bedroom, complete with a board, a console, microphones, tape recorders, and even a low-power transmitter capable of covering his neighborhood, and who accompanied his father to commercial stations throughout the country, where he met such radio legends as Jack Parnell, Johnny Morris, Ray Durke, the notorious Joe Finen, and Dewey Phillips, the first disc jockey ever to play an Elvis Presley recording on the air; and

Whereas, in addition to being heard on KWOC, Bill Steiger has maintained an important association with other Zimmer Radio Group stations in Poplar Bluff, including KJEZ and KKLR; and

Whereas, Bill Steiger helped get KZYM in Cape Girardeau on the air and had brief interludes at Z103 and WMBH in Joplin and KTWO in Casper, Wyoming; and

Whereas, long associated with KLID, Bill Steiger will be honored for his well-deserved status as a broadcast icon in Poplar Bluff when a two-block section of 11th Street will be renamed by the Mayor as "William B. Steiger Boulevard" on Friday, April 18, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar, ongoing broadcast career enjoyed by Bill Steiger and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest commendation of his nearly four decades in the field of radio, our congratulations for having a section of 11th Street renamed as "William B. Steiger Boulevard", and our best wishes for continued professional and personal success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of radio announcer William Boyd Steiger of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Gayle Kingery
District No. 154

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1942, adopted April 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker